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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN ARMY SPECIAL UNIT

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1. CHIEF USMILMISH ADVISES SPECIAL UNIT REFERRED TO IN REFTEL CONTINUES TRAINING ACTIVITIES ALTHOUGH AT LESSER DEGREE OF INTENSITY. UNIT IS MADE UP OF ABOUT 130 MEN FROM EACH OF TWO MAP-ASSISTED BATTALIONS (1ST AND 2ND) OF LIBERIAN NATIONAL GUARD PLUS OFFICERS MAKING TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 300 PERSONS. USMILMISH DOES NOT BELIEVE TRAINING OF UNIT INTERFERES WITH ITS OWN TRAINING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AND, IN FACT, FEELS THIS NEW ACTIVITY MAY EVEN ENHANCE ITS EFFORTS IN TRAINING AREA.

2. WE CONTINUE BE UNCERTAIN OF PURPOSE THIS UNIT. IF GOL STILL THINKING OF SENDING SMALL FORCE TO UNEF, IT MIGHT BE WELL TO CONSIDER HAVING USUN DISCUSS MATTER WITH UNEF ORGANIZING BODY IN NEW YORK TO ASCERTAIN NEEDS, IF ANY, OF UN FOR LIBERIAN CONTINGENT. SHOULD UN NOT REQUIRE LIBERIAN CONTRIBUTION IN NEXT MONTHS, SG MIGHT CONSIDER SO ADVISING AMBASSADOR BARNES, WITHOUT OF COURSE MAKING ANY RPT ANY REFERENCE TO OUR INVOLVEMENT. IN THIS WAY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE SMOKE OUT REAL PURPOSE OF GOL IN ESTABLISHING SPECIAL UNIT.

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